

**Clean Copy of Substitute Specification, New and Amended Claims**

13. (four times amended). A method for manufacturing a fibrous cellulose sausage casing having a burst coefficient in the range 8.5 - 11.1, the burst coefficient being  $(b \cdot d \cdot \pi) / 100w$ , wherein  $b$  is the burst strength,  $d$  is the casing diameter, and  $w$  is the paper base weight, and an elasticity in the range 13.2 to 19.2% of the starting size, the elasticity being defined as the capacity of the casing, after soaking in water at 40°C for 10 minutes, to expand from an uninflated condition to one of inflation by 30 kPa air pressure, which method comprises:

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- a) forming a wet-strengthened manila based paper material, which paper is wet-strengthened by at least one strengthener selected from the group consisting of i) synthetic resin(s) of polyamide epihalohydrin type, ii) viscose, and iii) a combination of synthetic resin(s) of polyamide epihalohydrin type and viscose, into the shape of a tubing, the air-dry weight of which wet-strengthened paper is from 10 to 15 g/m<sup>2</sup>;
- b) impregnating said tubing with viscose by presenting said viscose only to an outer surface of said tubing;
- c) coagulating the viscose into cellulose by passing the impregnated tubing through at least one acid and salt bath; and
- d) plasticizing the treated tubing.